(c) There is no proposal at this stage to extend the above conditions for travel to Neal by road across the land border.

**Signing of NPT**

*434. SHRI KA. RA. SUBBIAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only four nations—Cuba, Israel, Pakistan and India have not signed Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT);

(b) if so, whether it will have any negative effect on India;

(c) what is the outcome of the month-long NPT Review Conference; and

(d) whether UN Security Council or the NPT Conference exerted pressure on India to become a member of the NPT?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This is India's considered and consistent position.

(c) The 6th Review Conference of the NPT held in New York from 24th April—20th May concluded with the adoption a final document. Although the document has a reference to an "unequivocal undertaking" on nuclear disarmament and some practical steps to further nuclear disarmament under Article VI of the treaty, there is, however, no substantive change in the position of the NPT nuclear weapon States on nuclear disarmament.

(d) The final document of the NPT Review Conference recalls UN Security Council resolution 1172 and calls on India to undertake the measures set out in that resolution and to accede to the NPT as a non-nuclear weapon State. India has rejected UN Security Council resolution 1172 and maintains that the NPT Community needs to come to terms with the realty that India is a nuclear weapon State.

**US Panel for more curbs on Pak Terrorism**

*435. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Terrorism: US Panel for more curbs on Pak", which appeared in the Indian Express dated 5th June, 2000;

(b) if so, whether Government are also aware that the US National Commission on Terrorism has recommended that the Clinton administration designate Pakistan as a nation "not fully co-operating" against terrorism and impose additional sanctions against Islamabad; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir Government has seen the news item referred to in the Question.

(b) Yes, Sir. The US National Commission on Terrorism has stated in its report that "US President should impose sanctions on countries that, while not direct sponsors of terrorism, are nevertheless not co-operating fully on counter-terrorism". The Commission has suggested that Pakistan should be placed in this category. The report notes that Pakistan "provides a safe haven, transit, and moral, political and diplomatic support to several groups engaged in terrorism, including Harkat-Ul- Mujahideen, which has been designated by the United States as a Foreign Terroris Organisation (FTO)".

(c) Government has been conveying to the international community, including the United States, in all appropriate forums its information and assessment of Pakistan's sponsorship of and support to the cross-border terrorism in India. The report of the US National Commission on Terrorism is an indication of the growing international recognition of Pakistan's links with terrorism.

**Development activities in North-Eastern States**

*436. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an alarming level of administrative cost in eight North-Eastern States has stalled development activities; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to bail out these States with special assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) It is a fact that there has